**March News**

Our theme and focus for March is honesty. Students and teachers will be discussing what this means for us as a school community. We are excited to have our new school mascot, les lions de LMST lions. We have named our lion Lou. Lou is always on the lookout for students who are demonstrating any of our themes and is spending a week at a time in different classrooms.

Many students have been working on ideas for our new logo and we look forward to their submissions. There is still time if your child is interested in creating a logo as they are due March 8th.

Students in grades 4-6 are busy exploring topics that interest them for our upcoming Heritage Fair that is back at LMST! Mark your calendars for April 27th as you are invited to our Heritage Fair open house from 1:15-2:45 pm.

As usual, please continue to check our website for the latest news and dates at lmt.hrsb.ca and follow us on twitter @LeMarchantElem

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**School Travel Planning**

Many students and families participated in our walk to school week February 20th-23rd. Extra time outdoors was enjoyed by students. Please check out our school travel planning plans on our website. Our next meetings will be March 1st at 1:45 pm and April 5th at 1:45pm. All welcome.
Volunteers Needed

We will be hosting our annual Book Fair on April 18th & 19th. We are looking for volunteers. It is a great way to see the exciting new titles and help students. A percentage of the sales go back to the LMST library and/or classrooms. We look forward to seeing you there! Please contact our Vice Principal by email at: Julie.MacLean@hrsba.ca for more information.

School Advisory Council

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 24th at 4:30 pm at the school. All parents/guardians are invited to attend. Minutes of our meetings are posted on our website.

School Steering Team

Our School Steering Team met on February 22nd for an update. The minutes of the meeting will be posted soon. Once available, plans for the school will be placed on our school website. It is going to be great! We will email you to alert you when this is posted.

Home & School

The home and school association met on Tuesday, February 27th. Plans are underway for the Spring Fair on May 26th. Our next meeting is March 20th at 6pm. All welcome.
So far funds that have been raised by the Home & School have provided:

- $400.00 for each homeroom teacher to buy supplies and materials for the classroom. Specialist teachers also received money to go toward their programs.
- $553.00 for one set of books for our book club, Battle of the Books.
- $1500.00 for drumming workshops for all students
- $1560.00 for Discovery Center visits for each classroom
- $1500.00 for instruments for our music program (drums, xylophone)
- $1000.00 for drumming workshops for all students
- $1000.00 toward the grade 6 end of year trip.

**Thank you** from all of the staff/students here at LMST!

**Merci Beaucoup!**

**Did you know?**

During the months of January/February:

- All classes went to the Emera Oval?
- The Discovery Center visited all classes to do a science lesson?
- All grades Primary-3 students enjoyed a session with Bricks for Kids?
- All classes had a presentation from Halifax Regional Municipality on waste management?
- All classes have participated in a drumming workshop?
- Our Battle of the Books team will go to the semi-finals?
- Our grades 4-6 students in band, choir and strings excelled in their performance for parents/guardians earlier this month?
Important March Dates

March 1 - School Travel Planning meeting 1:45-245pm.
March 2 - PT, PL, PR, P1C, 3F, 3C and 2/3 J go bowling.
March 5 - Heritage Fair topics due (grades 4-6)
March 7 - 1T, 1L, 1/2 JM, 1/2 SM, 2/3 MY, 2B go bowling.
March 8 - Logo design contest closes
March 9 - Assessment and Evaluation day - no school for students
March 12-16 - March Break
March 19 - Term 3 begins
March 28 - Report Cards go home
March 30 - Good Friday - no school
April 2 - Easter Monday - no school
April 5 - Grades 4-6 to Dalplex